

CRISIS NEAR IN PROTEST OF UNION LABOR AGAINST BUILDING TRADES AGREEMENT

Union leaders reported late today that they had not yet been visited by representatives from State's Attorney Hoyne's office. This office has announced its intention to investigate charges of slugging in the lathers' lockout. Each side is accusing the other of violent tactics. "We'll all of us be willing to submit to the closest of investigations," said C. W. Fry.

"There has been no violence on the part of the union locked-out lathers," said Louis Toale of the White City Council lathers' office today. "There has been not the slightest cause for trouble. Very few scabs are at work and numbers of our men who were locked out are getting work on fair jobs every day. I do not believe a single act of violence has been done by a union lather. The stories of our union men touring the city in automobiles and threatening workers are simply fabrications told to lower the union in public estimation."

Two additional contractors have agreed to the wants of the union lathers and have been placed on the fair list. They are Arthur Lauzan and Geo. W. Stow. These have given notice that hereafter they will employ only union lathers accredited by the White City Council. They have taken on a number of such workmen to continue contracts being done.

Hoyne's secretary, Edw. J. Fleming, today took charge of the inquisitorial work. He will delve into the actions of both contractors and locked-out union men.

Among the union men whom Fleming said he would question are the following leaders in the fight of the workmen against the atrocious uniform agreement: Axel Alex and Fred Wayman, lathers; Thos. Walsh, sheet metal workers; C. W. Fry, machinists; L. P. Lindelof, A. C. Anderson and Nick Pickelsma, painters; Hugo Hahn and Walter Staley, glaz-

iers; John Murphy and J. W. Woodward, electricians; Frank Mader, fixture hangers.

Fleming has a score of men investigating.

The union men are unanimous in expressing willingness to aid the investigation in every way. In fact, just this move has been strongly urged by some who want the union name cleared of the stigma cast upon it by an unfair press.

The trust papers, unanimous in their fight for the contractors, have printed stories of hundreds of windows being broken, scores of assaults, of hired gunmen and sluggers paid by the unions, and of attempts at murder, all of which are so preposterous as to make it doubtful if any give the slightest credence to the wild reports. These stories, of course, are inspired in an order to discredit the workers.

Says the Tribune this morning: "It is reported that the old slugging gang of painters, electricians and glaziers had been called to arms to aid the lathers." This aroused bitter resentment among the painters, electricians and glaziers who felt the sting of the insult of the Trib.

The trust papers also insist on referring to the union lathers as "strikers," although it is known by all that the lathers did not strike but were locked out.

HIS CAUSE FOR KICK

New York, March 16.—Because he had to cook his own meals—and all that time suffered from indigestion—Julius Kraus asked the court to refuse alimony to his wife.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morton L. Johnson, Socialist candidate for alderman 33d ward, speaks Wednesday night, Mont Claire Garden Improvement club, 2753 N. Oak Park av.